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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATION

SUBJECT

On March 3, 2015, your Board requested that Community and Senior Services (CSS) and the Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (WDB) collaborate with the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and County departments to support and participate in the Performance Partnership Pilot Program for Disconnected Youth (P3). P3 is an unprecedented effort in the County of Los Angeles to coordinate and integrate the delivery of education, workforce development and social services to the 200,000 youth ages 16-24 who are not in school and not working (disconnected youth). This report is to provide your Board with a quarterly update of P3 activities, as directed by the March 2015 P3 Motion. Previous updates were submitted on June 2, 2015, September 4, 2015 and April 15, 2016.

Major P3 Activities in 2016

- As outlined in our last report, five P3 Workgroups/Committees were formed earlier this year to delineate major areas of responsibility in preparation for P3 implementation in FY 2016-17. The Workgroups/Committees began meeting in Spring 2016 to tackle complex issues related to system alignment that include: possible federal waiver opportunities that would enhance service delivery for disconnected youth; the need for additional data sharing across agencies; and partner roles, areas of overlap and strategies to maximize the efficient use of resources. We anticipate including additional information in future quarterly updates as the implementation of P3 commences.
- On May 26, 2016, Dr. Paul Harrington, Drexel University, presented to P3 stakeholders and other partners a preview for a new report entitled "The State of Disconnected Youth in Los Angeles." This report is a follow-up to Dr. Harrington's Report, "Dropouts: Path

to Poverty,” which found that one in five Angelenos age 16-24 were neither working nor in school. Dr. Harrington’s research has provided the basis for much of the region’s workforce development emphasis on disconnected youth over the past decade.

- The new report from Dr. Harrington has some good news on the status of youth disconnection in the Los Angeles region. For example, the report shows that the percentage of Angeleno youth disconnected from work or school has declined from roughly one in five to one in six. In addition, the report finds youth who work earlier have a much higher success rate in the job market; soft skills (negotiation in particular) provide a very positive long-term return; the community college system in southern California is outperforming most of the country by a factor of three; and that there is an emerging job market for in-home healthcare workers as an entry-level job. However, the report still highlights the need for the focused, regional work of the P3 Initiative to continue to improve outcomes for this population. Following the release of Dr. Harrington’s report, we anticipate including additional information in our next P3 update.
- On June 6, 2016, Patrick Lester, Director of the Social Innovation Research Center in Maryland, released a report entitled: “Performance Partnership Pilots: Projects May Need More Time to Test Local Flexibility and Coordinated Services.” The report focuses on the initial progress of the first round of the federal P3 Initiative. The report outlines the long-term potential of the initiative, and recommendations for the federal government moving forward in supporting current and future efforts. The report notes that the Los Angeles region’s P3 project is the largest in the nation and one of two nationwide that is focused system-wide. The report, which is available at the following link, will be presented at the next P3 meeting: <http://www.socialinnovationcenter.org/?p=2074>.

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Respectfully,



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